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SUBJ: ILO: GOVERNING BODY ACTION ON PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION
(PLO)

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PASS LABOR FOR SEGALL, PERSONS AND QUACKENBUSH

1. SUMMARY: IN DISCUSSION RE POSSIBLE OUTCOME NOVEMBER GB
CONSIDERATION PLO MATTER, ISRAELI MISSION OFFICERS ECHOED MUCH OF
ANALYSIS CONTAINED REFTTEL, BUT ALSO EMPHASIZED CERTAIN ASPECTS IN
FASHION THAT APPEARS ILLUSTRATE A DELAYING TACTIC IN WHICH ILO DG WOULD

PLAY KEY ROLE. DEPARTMENT MAY FIND IT USEFUL TO SOUND OUT BLANCHARD
ON ISRAELI POSTURE AS WELL AS ON HIS STRATEGY FOR BG MEETING
DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK END SUMMARY.

2. WHILE RECOGNIZING GB IS NOT SUBSERVIENT TO CONFERENCE (PARA 4
REFTTEL) AND CAN TAKE ITS OWN DECISIONS, ISRAELIS CONSIDER THAT THERE
ARE PRACTICAL LIMITS AS TO WHAT GB CAN OR CANNOT DO AT ITS NOVEMBER
MEETING. FURTHERMORE, THEY CONSIDER THAT DG ROLE WILL HAVE
CONSIDERABLE IMPACT ON OUTCOME OF GB CONSIDERATION. THEY
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BELIEVE ON THE BASIS OF BLANCHARD'S COMMENTS TO THEM, THAT DG WOULD

VERY MUCH PREFER NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE PLO COME UP AT ILO CONFERENCE
NEXT JUNE IN MANNER THAT WOULD VIRTUALLY ASSURE VIRTUOLIC DEBATE.
WHETHER BLANCHARD'S PRESUMED RETICENCE (THEY HAVE NO FIRM COMMIT-
MENT FROM HIM) TO HAVE MATTER BROUGHT BEFORE CONFERENCE IN 1975 CAN BE

TRANSLATED INTO AN ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY THE MATTER IS NOT INSCRIBED
ON CONFERENCE AGENDA BY GB IN NOVEMBER THEY ADMIT IS QUESTIONABLE.
HOWEVER, THEY CONSIDER THAT BLANCHARD HAS THE OPPORTUNITY AND
INTENTION TO WORK TO ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE ISSUE IN THE CALMER ATMOSPHERE

OF GB RATHER THAN LET IT GO WILLY-NILLY TO THE CONFERENCE.

3. ISRAELIS RECOGNIZE IT LIKELY THAT ILO WILL FOLLOW LEAD OF OTHER
SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND GRANT SOME OFFICIAL STATUS TO NATIONAL
LIBERATION MOVEMENT INCLUDING PLO. HOWEVER, ISRAELIS HOPE ILO
WILL BE AMONG LAST OF UN AGENCIES TO ACT AND WISH TO DELAY ILO ACTION
AS LONG AS POSSIBLE BY PROLONGED CONSIDERATION IN GOVERNING BODY.

4. ISRAELIS NOTED WITH SOME SATISFACTION THE THE LETTER OF JUNE 25
FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE TO THE GB CHAIRMAN
(ENCLOSING COPIES OF PROVISIONAL RECORD 19 AND OF ARAB LEAGUE LETTER
OF 18 JUNE 1974) TO CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN SIMPLY ASKS THAT GB
CONSIDER " ISSUE WITHOUT SPECIFYING THAT IT SHOULD CONSIDER CHANGES
IN STANDING ORDERS, THUS IMPLYING THAT GB MAY BE ABLE TO LIMIT ITS
ACTION
TO FURTHER STUDY OF QUESTION. ISRAELIS ALSO ENCOURAGED BY
FACT THAT TO DATE THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS THAT ARABS ARE PRESSING
PLO ISSUE IN ADVANCE OF GB MEETING OR THAT MOROCCAN GB CHAIRMAN
IS REACTING MORE AS AN ARAB THAN CHAIRMAN. HOWEVER LYNCH PIN
OF ISRAELI STRATEGY APPEARS TO BE CONFIDENCE THAT BLANCHARD'S ABILITY
AND APPARENT DESIRE TO ORCHESTRATE PLO ISSUE IN SOME MINIMALLY
ACCEPTABLE FASHION WILL LEAD TO SOLUTION WHICH (1) AVOIDS CONFRONTATION

IN ILO JUNE CONFERENCE AND (2) KEEPS PLO PRESENCE IN ILO AT
MINIMUM; E.G. AT CONFERENCE WITHOUT VOTE.DALE

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